

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2005. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 30 – 50 remain pending. In particular, Applicants add claims 30 – 50 and cancel claims 1 – 29 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants cancel these claims merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicants first wish to express their sincere appreciation for the time that Examiner Anwah spent with Applicants' Attorney, Anthony Bonner during a telephone discussion on September 19, 2005 regarding the outstanding Office Action. During that conversation, Examiner Anwah seemed to indicate that it would be potentially beneficial for Applicants to make amendments contained herein. While no agreement was met, Examiner Anwah seemed to indicate that amending the claims more clearly indicate that the caller is provided "with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with the predetermined revert number" would be beneficial. Thus,

Applicants respectfully request that Examiner Anwah carefully consider this response and the amendments.

II. Claims 1 – 29 are Patentable Over Wheeler

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,583,920 (“*Wheeler*”). While Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the grounds that *Wheeler* does not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed elements, Applicants cancel these claims, and now consider this issue moot.

III. New Claims 30 – 50 are Allowable

A. New Claim 30 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 30 is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest at least a “method, at a voicemail server, for directing a communication request to terminating equipment associated with a predetermined revert number, the method comprising...providing the caller with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with the predetermined revert number...” as recited in new claim 30. For at least this reason, new claim 30 is allowable over the cited art.

B. New Claim 39 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 39 is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest at least a “voicemail server for

receiving a communication request from a caller to a callee associated with a first terminating equipment, the voicemail server...wherein the voicemail server is configured to provide the caller with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with a predetermined revert number...” as recited in new claim 39. For at least this reason, new claim 39 is allowable over the cited art.

C. New Claim 47 is Allowable Over the Cited Art

Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 47 is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that the cited art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest at least a “voicemail server for receiving a communication request from a caller to a callee associated with a first terminating equipment, the voicemail server...wherein the voicemail server is configured to provide the caller with a prompt indicating a predetermined user option for contacting the callee at a second terminating equipment associated with a predetermined revert number...” as recited in new claim 47. For at least this reason, new claim 47 is allowable over the cited art.

D. New Claims 31 – 38, 40 – 46, and 48 – 50 are Allowable Over the Cited Art

In addition, new claims 31 – 38 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 30. New claims 40 – 46 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 39. New claims 48 – 50 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 47. *In re Fine, Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co. v. Chemque, Inc.*, 303 F.3d 1294, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

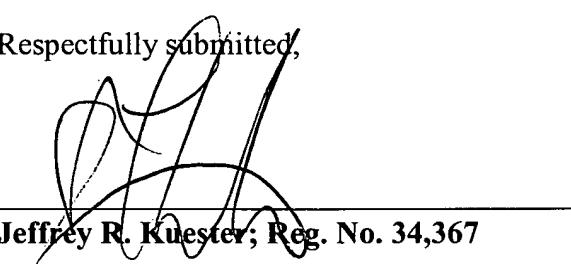
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Further, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known for at least the specific and particular reason that the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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